

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 9 and 24 were pending in this application when last examined.

Claim 24 was indicated as allowed.

Claim 9 was examined on the merits and stands rejected.

Claim 9 is amended to recite "A compound of formula II".

No new matter has been added.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Without acquiescence to the correctness of this rejection and merely to expedite prosecution, claim 9 has been amended to remove the phrase "inhibitor of protein modification products formation." Therefore, this rejection is overcome.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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